

April 1, 2010 – message from Monica Farner, Education Networks of America

This year more than ever schools are being asked to continually generate greater student outcomes, yet often with fewer resources and smaller budgets. Used effectively, video teleconferencing (VTC) is one tool that actually can live up to the hype of “cheaper, faster and better”: it can bring down walls and erase distance, connect classrooms across the district or around the world, join remote learners to leading subject area experts, expose students to other peoples and cultures, expedite meetings, cut travel, training and hiring costs, and save valuable time.

If you are considering purchasing VTC services or currently have VTC equipment but would like more information on how to make the most of it, join ENA for a three-part webinar series on utilizing and maximizing video teleconferencing in the classroom. Distance learning specialists Dr. Lance Ford and Mike Lay will conduct our first session on Tuesday, April 6, at 3:00 p.m. MDT. You can register for any of the three sessions through this link

<https://educationnetworks.webex.com/mw03061/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=educationnetworks>

Who, Me? Why Should I Invest in VTC?

Tuesday, April 6, 3:00-4:00 p.m. MDT

Presented by Mike Lay and Dr. Lance Ford

Discover how videoconferencing can be used to deliver quality classes, content, collaborations and professional development to your staff and students. Also learn about grant and E-Rate opportunities to help fund this growing technology.

Virtually Amazing: VTC's Big Impact on Student Opportunities

Tuesday, April 20, 2:00-3:15 p.m. MDT

Presented by Mike Lay and 4 school districts

What are schools doing to deliver college dual-credit classes, provide courses even when teacher certification and student enrollment are insufficient for face-to-face classroom setting, and bring in content that is unavailable due to a lack of resources? We'll show you! Join us as school districts share their experiences on what they have done to make VTC successful in their classrooms.

You're Not on Your Own: Teacher/Student VTC Resources Are Out There

Tuesday, May 4, 3:00-4:30 p.m. MDT

Presented by Dr. Lance Ford, Mike Lay, CILC

Virtual Field Trips (VFT) are a great way for your students to connect to some of the most entertaining/educational resources throughout the world and do it without parent permission slips, arranging transportation or procuring a sub.